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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-16, 18-26 and 28-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-16, 18-26 and 28-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 08 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

This Office Action has been issued in response to the amendment filed on January 22, 2007. Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18-26 and 28-30 are pending; claims 7, 17 and 27 were cancelled. Applicant's arguments have been carefully and respectfully considered, and some are persuasive and some were not. Accordingly, objections and rejections have been removed where arguments were persuasive and rejections were maintained where the arguments weren't persuasive.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1 and 11 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The use of "**can be**" in the instant claims makes the claims indefinite because it is unclear if the limitation has to be present.

Claims 1, 11 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claims recite an "**if**" statement however the claims don't recite what happens if the condition for the "**if**" statement is not met.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18-23, 25, 26 and 28-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellison et al (US Patent 6,487,547) in view of Tedesco (US Patent 7,058,622).

With respect to independent claim 1:

Ellison teaches:

A method for configuring a database, comprising:

Requesting database configuration information from a directory server that stores configuration information for a plurality of database instances; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses a centralized repository that stores the configuration information requested by a database)

In response to the request, receiving the database configuration information from the directory server; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses that the databases configuration information will be communicated by the centralized repository)

Automatically configuring the database with the database configuration information received from the directory server; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses

that the database will be configured using the configuration information received from the centralized repository)

Whereby the database server can be installed without manual configuration by a user. (Column 2 Lines 44-48, discloses that the configuring of the database is done by an operation system without any manual configuration by a user)

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose:

Receiving a request for resources at the database from a user;

Determining if the user is an enterprise user;

If so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user;

Receiving file user profile from file directory server; and

Allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user

Tedesco teaches:

Receiving a request for resources at the database from a user; (Column 11-12, discloses submitting a query to a database)

Determining if the user is an enterprise user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that the user who makes the query request will be identified using a user rights table as to determine the user's privileges, therefore identifying if the user is an enterprise user)

If so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that after identifying the user using the user rights table then the user privileges are determined)

Receiving file user profile from file directory server; and (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the system will then determine the user profile for the given user)

Allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user (Column 7 Lines 25-29, discloses that based on the user profile the user is given access to the database, therefore making the access to the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges)

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement **receiving a request for resources at the database from a user; determining if the user is an enterprise user; if so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user; receiving file user profile from file directory server; and allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user** because this would make accessing the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges.

With respect to claim 2:

Ellison teaches:

The database is structured as a database server, and wherein the database configuration information includes service-related settings for the database server. (Abstract, discloses that the database is a database server and that the configuration information is related to service settings)

With respect to claim 3:

Ellison teaches:

The database configuration option can include: an audit trail; a security model; a security protocol parameter; a maximum sessions parameter; a database block size; an optimization mode parameter; and an OLAP features parameter. (Column 8 Lines 47-61, discloses that the configuration options can be related and include OLAP features parameters)

With respect to claim 5:

Ellison teaches:

The directory server is Highly Available (HA). (Column 2 Lines 51-55, discloses that the server will be available through the Internet, therefore making the communication with it Highly Available)

With respect to claim 6:

Ellison teaches:

Caching a local copy of the configuration information to facilitate configuration of the database when the database cannot connect to the directory server. (Column 5 Lines 3-17, discloses that the data could be locally cached for it to be accessed)

With respect to claim 8:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that a **user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user.**

Tedesco teaches that a **user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user.** (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include the priority of the user and the actions the user can execute in the database)

With respect to claim 9:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.**

Tedesco teaches that **the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.** (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include information about priority and user rights in the database, therefore defining administrative and normal user roles)

With respect to claim 10:

Ellison teaches:

The database server periodically queries the directory server for updated database configuration information for the database. (Abstract, discloses that the database queries the repository to see if changes in the environment have taken place)

With respect to independent claim 11:

Ellison teaches:

A computer-readable storage medium storing instructions that when executed by a computer cause the computer to perform a method for configuring a database, the method comprising:

Requesting database configuration information from a directory server that stores configuration information for a plurality of database instances; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses a centralized repository that stores the configuration information requested by a database)

In response to the request, receiving the database configuration information from the directory server; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses that the databases configuration information will be communicated by the centralized repository)

Automatically configuring the database with the database configuration information received from the directory server; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses that the database will be configured using the configuration information received from the centralized repository)

Whereby the database server can be installed without manual configuration by a user. (Column 2 Lines 44-48, discloses that the configuring of the database is done by an operation system without any manual configuration by a user)

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose:

Receiving a request for resources at the database from a user;

Determining if the user is an enterprise user;

If so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user;

Receiving the user profile from the directory server; and

Allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user profile;

Tedesco teaches:

Receiving a request for resources at the database from a user; (Column 11-12, discloses submitting a query to a database)

Determining if the user is an enterprise user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that the user who makes the query request will be identified using a user rights table as to determine the user's privileges, therefore identifying if the user is an enterprise user)

If so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that after identifying the user using the user rights table then the user privileges are determined)

Receiving file user profile from file directory server; and (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the system will then determine the user profile for the given user)

Allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user (Column 7 Lines 25-29, discloses that based on the user profile the user is given access to the database, therefore making the access to the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges)

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement **receiving a request for resources at the database from a user; determining if the user is an enterprise user; if so, querying the directory server for a user profile associated with the user; receiving file user profile from file directory server; and allocating resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user** because this would make accessing the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges.

With respect to claim 12:

Ellison teaches:

The database is structured as a database server, and wherein the database configuration information includes service-related settings for the database server. (Abstract, discloses that the database is a database server and that the configuration information is related to service settings)

With respect to claim 13:

Ellison teaches:

The database configuration option can include: an audit trail; a security model; a security protocol parameter; a maximum sessions parameter; a database block size; an optimization mode parameter; and an OLAP features parameter. (Column 8 Lines 47-61, discloses that the configuration options can be related and include OLAP features parameters)

With respect to claim 15:

Ellison teaches:

The directory server is Highly Available (HA). (Column 2 Lines 51-55, discloses that the server will be available through the Internet, therefore making the communication with it Highly Available)

With respect to claim 16:

Ellison teaches:

The method further comprises caching a local copy of the configuration. (Column 5 Lines 3-17, discloses that the data could be locally cached for it to be accessed)

With respect to claim 18:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that a **user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user.**

Tedesco teaches that a **user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user.** (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include the priority of the user and the actions the user can execute in the database)

With respect to claim 19:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.**

Tedesco teaches that **the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.** (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include information about priority and user rights in the database, therefore defining administrative and normal user roles)

With respect to claim 20:

Ellison teaches:

The database server periodically queries the directory server for updated database configuration information for the database. (Abstract, discloses that the database queries the repository to see if changes in the environment have taken place)

With respect to independent claim 21:

An apparatus for configuring a database, comprising:

A request mechanism configured to request database configuration information from a directory server that stores configuration information for a plurality of database instances; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses a centralized repository that stores the configuration information requested by a database)

A receiving mechanism configured to receive the database configuration information from the directory server in response to the request; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses that the databases configuration information will be communicated by the centralized repository)

A configuration mechanism configured to automatically configure the database with the database configuration information received from the directory server; (Column 2 Lines 40-48, discloses that the database will be configured using the configuration information received from the centralized repository)

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose:

A second receiving mechanism configured to receive a request for resources at the database from a user;

A determination mechanism configured to determine if the user is an enterprise user;

A querying mechanism configured to query the directory, server for a user profile associated with the user if the user is an enterprise user;

A profile mechanism configured to receive the user profile from the directory server; and

An allocation mechanism configured to allocate resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user profile.

Tedesco teaches:

A second receiving mechanism configured to receive a request for resources at the database from a user; (Column 11-12, discloses submitting a query to a database)

A determination mechanism configured to determine if the user is an enterprise user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that the user who makes the query request will be identified using a user rights table as to determine the user's privileges, therefore identifying if the user is an enterprise user)

A querying mechanism configured to query the directory, server for a user profile associated with the user if the user is an enterprise user; (Column 7 Lines 12-16, discloses that after identifying the user using the user rights table then the user privileges are determined)

A profile mechanism configured to receive the user profile from the directory server; and (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the system will then determine the user profile for the given user)

An allocation mechanism configured to allocate resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user profile. (Column 7 Lines 25-29, discloses that based on the user profile the user is given access to the database, therefore

making the access to the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges)

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement **a second receiving mechanism configured to receive a request for resources at the database from a user; a determination mechanism configured to determine if the user is an enterprise user; a querying mechanism configured to query the directory, server for a user profile associated with the user if the user is an enterprise user; a profile mechanism configured to receive the user profile from the directory server; and an allocation mechanism configured to allocate resources to the user based on parameters specified in the user profile** because this would make accessing the database much more secure by prohibiting access to users who don't have specific privileges.

With respect to claim 22:

Ellison teaches:

The database is structured as a database server, and wherein the database configuration information includes service-related settings for the database server. (Abstract, discloses that the database is a database server and that the configuration information is related to service settings)

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With respect to claim 23:

Ellison teaches:

The database configuration option can include: an audit trail; a security model; a security protocol parameter; a maximum sessions parameter; a database block size; an optimization mode parameter; and an OLAP features parameter. (Column 8 Lines 47-61, discloses that the configuration options can be related and include OLAP features parameters)

With respect to claim 25:

Ellison teaches:

The directory server is Highly Available (HA). (Column 2 Lines 51-55, discloses that the server will be available through the Internet, therefore making the communication with it Highly Available)

With respect to claim 26:

Ellison teaches:

A caching mechanism configured to cache a local copy of the configuration information to facilitate configuration of the database when the database cannot connect to the directory server. (Column 5 Lines 3-17, discloses that the data could be locally cached for it to be accessed)

With respect to claim 28:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that a **user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user.**

Tedesco teaches that a user profile can include: a CPU quota for the user; a disk quota for the user; a scheduling priority for the user; and a read/write/execute permission for the user. (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include the priority of the user and the actions the user can execute in the database)

With respect to claim 29:

Ellison doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database.**

Tedesco teaches that the database configuration information can define a Security Admin (SA) role for the database. (Column 7 Lines 19-29, discloses that the user profile will include information about priority and user rights in the database, therefore defining administrative and normal user roles)

With respect to claim 30:

Ellison teaches:

The database server periodically queries the directory server for updated database configuration information for the database. (Abstract, discloses that the database queries the repository to see if changes in the environment have taken place)

Claims 4, 14 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ellison et al (US Patent 6,487,547) in view of Tedesco (US Patent 7,058,622) and Nilsen et al (US Patent 5,606,693).

With respect to claim 4:

The above discussed combination of Ellison and Tedesco doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.**

Nilsen teaches that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.** (Abstract, discloses a distributed database application on which the configuration information provided to the database server includes access information, this would allow for better control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure.

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the**

ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services because this allows for better control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure. (As Seen in Nilsen Column 1 Lines 16-45)

With respect to claim 14:

The above discussed combination of Ellison and Tedesco doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.**

Nilsen teaches that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.** (Abstract, discloses a distributed database application on which the configuration information provided to the database server includes access information, this would allow for better control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure.

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services** because this allows for better

control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure. (As Seen in Nilsen Column 1 Lines 16-45)

With respect to claim 24:

The above discussed combination of Ellison and Tedesco doesn't appear to explicitly disclose that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.**

Nilsen teaches that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services.** (Abstract, discloses a distributed database application on which the configuration information provided to the database server includes access information, this would allow for better control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure.

It would be obvious for someone with ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of the cited references to implement that **the configuration information can include an Access Control List (ACL), wherein the ACL lists objects and services available on the database server and which hosts have permissions to use the objects and the services** because this allows for better control of the information stored and accessed by the database therefore making the transfer of the data much more secure. (As Seen in Nilsen Column 1 Lines 16-45)

Response to Arguments

Specification

The abstract page has been amended to remove the title of the invention.
Therefore the objection has been removed.

Claim Rejections 35 USC 101

With respect to the 35 USC 101 rejections on claims 11-20, the rejection has been removed in light of the instant amendments to the specification.

Claim Rejections 35 USC 102

Applicant failed to discuss the 35 USC 102 rejections on claims 1-3, 5, 6, 10-13, 15, 16, 20-23, 25, 26 and 30 however based on the amendments new ground(s) of rejection have been put forth.

Claim Rejections 35 USC 103

Applicant's arguments with respect to the rejection of claims 7, 17 and 27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejections.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

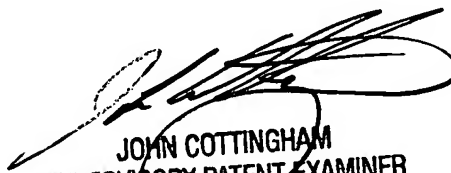
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